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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: CONSULAR PROBLEMS AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY GAO WASHDC THAT AUDIT TEAM FROM GAO LOS ANGELES OFFICE, PLUS ONE AUDITOR FROM WASHINGTON OFFICE, PLAN VISIT CONSULAR OFFICES MEXICO CITY, TIJUANA, AND GUADALAJARA FOR 3-WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 16, 1975. GAO ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT VISIT CLEARED WITH DEA AND INS, AND THAT DEA REP MEXICO CITY ARRANGING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GAO TEAM.

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2. AS DESCRIBED BY GAO HERE, PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TWOFOLD:
(A) TO ASCERTAIN EFFECTIVENESS OF DEA'S INTELLIGENCE GATHERING EFFORTS; (B) METHODS DEVELOPED BY CONSULAR OFFICERS TO COMBAT FREQUENTLY ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS OF MARRIAGE FRAUDS, DOCUMENT FRAUDS, SMUGGLERS, AND COUNTERFEITERS. ON DEA MATTERS, GAO VISIT IN CONTEXT THEIR EARLIER REVIEW AND REPORT ENTITLED "EFFORTS TO STOP NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS COMING FROM AND THROUGH MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA," DATED DECEMBER 31, 1974.

3. GAO LOS ANGELES TEAM WHICH CONCERNED WITH INS/CONSULAR MATTERS, CONSISTS OF PATRICK GORMLEY, JOEL GUNTER, GARY MARTIN; GAO WASHDC MEMBER ON DEA MATTER IS PETER STATHIS ARRIVING WEEK LATER FOR PERIOD JUNE 23-JULY 3. SUPERVISORY VISITS WILL BE MADE BY JAMES HALL AND GEORGE GRANT, REGIONAL MANAGER AND AUDIT MANAGER, RESPECTIVELY, OF GAO LOS ANGELES OFFICE. ALL NAMED GAO AUDITORS HOLD TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES.

4. DEPARTMENT WISHES COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT VISIT WITHIN PROVISIONS OF 4 FAM 930-934. GAO AWARE THAT ANY CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF USG OFFICIAL COMMUNITY ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR AND TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY EMBASSY. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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